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SUBJECT: SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE STAFFDEL VISIT

1. SENATE STAFFDEL RICHARDSON, KRAFT AND SCHOCHET WILL
BE VISITING FOLLOWING FOREIGN CAPITALS IN LATE
NOVEMBER EARLY DECEMBER TO ASSESS LEGISLATIVE AND
OTHER STEPS TO COMBAT AIRCRAFT HIJACKING AND TERRORISM:
LONDON, ROME, TEL AVIV, JERUSALEM, ATHENS, BONN AND
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2. THEY REQUEST FOLLOWING INFORMATION BE HANDLED ON NEED
TO KNOW AND NO PUBLICITY, LOW PROFILE BASIS.

TEAM CONSISTS OF BILL RICHARDSON OF SENATE FOREIGN
RELATIONS COMMITTEE STAFF, AND MICHAEL KRAFT AND BARRY
SCHOCHET, FOREIGN POLICY STAFF AIDES TO SENATORS

CLIFFORD CASE (R-NJ) AND RICHARD STONE (D-FLA),
RESPECTIVELY--BOTH SENATORS MEMBERS SENATE FOREIGN
RELATIONS COMMITTEE. RICHARDSON AND KRAFT WILL BE
STOPPING IN LONDON, ROME AND TEL AVIV, MEETING SCHOCHET
THERE. RICHARDSON PROCEEDS ON ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT AND
KRAFT-SCHOCHET WILL THEN TRAVEL ATHENS, FRANKFURT AND
PARIS.

3. STAFFDEL WILL BE EXPLORING FEASIBILITY OF VARIOUS
PENDING LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS (RIBICOFF BILL S 2236)
WHICH INCLUDE SUSPENSION OF AIR SERVICE TO COUNTRIES WHICH
AID AND ABET TERRORISM OR HAVE IMPROPER AIRPORT SECURITY
STANDARDS, PUBLICATION OF TRAVELERS' ADVISORIES
PUBLICLY CITING UNSAFE AIRPORTS, TIGHTENED SCREENING OF
FREIGHT AND MAIL FROM COUNTRIES LISTED AS AIDING
TERRORISM, AND REFUSAL TO GRANT EXPORT LICENSES TO
SUCH COUNTRIES. THEY SEEK BRIEFING ON LEGISLATIVE AND
ADMINISTRATIVE PROPOSALS UNDER CONSIDERATION OR RECENTLY
IMPLEMENTED IN OTHER COUNTRIES, EXTENT OF INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION AGAINST TERRORISM INCLUDING EXCHANGES OF
INFORMATION AND WISH TO EXPLORE OTHER POSSIBLE PRESSURE
POINTS AGAINST INTERNATIONAL TERRORISTS AND COUNTRIES
WHICH SUPPORT TERRORISTS WITH TRAINING, SANCTUARIES
AND OTHER ASSISTANCE.

4. HOST GOVERNMENTS MAY BE ASSURED THAT EMPHASIS IS
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ON PREVENTIVE AND DETERRENCE STEPS, NOT ON ORGANIZATION
OF STRIKE FORCES AND OTHER TECHNIQUES FOR RESCUE
OPERATIONS.

5. STAFFDEL WOULD APPRECIATE APPOINTMENTS WITH GOVERN-
MENT OFFICIALS DEALING WITH TERRORISM, INCLUDING
INTELLIGENCE EXPERTS, AIRPORT SECURITY OFFICIALS,
NATIONAL AIRLINE OFFICIALS, U.S. EMBASSY SPECIALISTS
AS WELL AS OTHERS. CITY BY CITY DETAILS FOLLOW:

6. FOR LONDON--RICHARDSON AND KRAFT ARRIVE 0930
NOVEMBER 27 PAN AM 106 FROM WASHINGTON, DEPART FOR
ROME 0930 NOVEMBER 29 BRITISH AIR 352. REQUEST
RESERVATIONS HOTEL CONVENIENT EMBASSY SUCH AS BRITANNIA
AND AIRPORT TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE. STAFFDEL REQUESTS
ASSISTANCE FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH BRITISH FOREIGN/HOME
OFFICE AND INTELLIGENCE SPECIALISTS DEALING WITH INTER-
NATIONAL TERRORISM PLUS INSTITUTE OF STRATEGIC STUDIES
OR OTHER "THINK TANK" NGO EXPERTS, HEATHROW AIRPORT OR
OTHER AIRPORT SECURITY EXPERTS AND U.S. EMBASSY,
INTELLIGENCE AND FAA REPRESENTATIVES DEALING WITH
TERRORISM PROBLEM, USING BREAKFAST, LUNCH OR DINNER

MEETINGS IF NEEDED.

7. FOR ROME--U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS INCLUDING INTELLIGENCE AND OTHER OFFICERS SPECIALIZING IN LIBYAN AND OTHER MIDEAST ACTIVITIES. RICHARDSON AND KRAFT WOULD LIKE TO PAY COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR GARDNER. RICHARDSON AND KRAFT WOULD LIKE TO ALSO MEET WITH ITALIAN AIRPORT SECURITY OFFICIALS, FOREIGN MINISTRY SPECIALISTS

DEALING WITH LIBYA AND LEADING REPRESENTATIVES OR OFFICIALS OF ITALIAN TOURISM/HOTEL INDUSTRY, PREFERABLY PRIVATE SECTOR. REQUEST CONVENIENT HOTEL AND TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE.

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STAFFDEL RICHARDSON AND KRAFT ARRIVE ROME 1245 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 BRITISH AIR 352 FROM LONDON. KRAFT DEPARTS FOR TEL AVIV WEDNESDAY 1315, TWA 810. RICHARDSON WILL STAY UNTIL THURSDAY TO TAKE CARE OF APPOINTMENTS WHICH CAN'T BE HANDLED TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, DEPARTING DECEMBER 1 FOR TEL AVIV, 0920 AIR ITALIA 728.

8. FOR TEL AVIV--SCHOCHET ARRIVES WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30 FROM NEW YORK 1415, ON TWA 880. KRAFT ARRIVES WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30 FROM ROME, 1720, TWA 810. BOTH DEPART FOR ATHENS TUESDAY DECEMBER 6 AT 0910 ON TWA 881. RICHARDSON ARRIVES FROM ROME THURSDAY DECEMBER 1 AIR ITALIA 738, DEPARTING FOR TEHRAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 0650, EL AL 563.

STAFFDEL REQUESTS HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHT FOR KRAFT AND SCHOCHET IN TEL AVIV, PREFERABLY RAMADA CONTINENTAL AND RICHARDSON THURSDAY NIGHT SAME HOTEL. STAFFDEL REQUESTS JERUSALEM HOTEL FOR REMAINING NIGHTS, AT JERUSALEM PLAZA OR KING DAVID, ALL THREE SAME HOTEL.

DETAILED APPOINTMENTS BEING WORKED OUT THROUGH ISRAELI EMBASSY HERE BUT STAFFDEL WOULD LIKE TO PAY CALL ON AMBASSADOR LEWIS.

9. FOR ATHENS--DUE LIMITED TIME, KRAFT AND SCHOCHET HAVE ONLY STOPOVER IN ATHENS, ARRIVING TUESDAY DECEMBER 6 TWA 881 FROM TEL AVIV, DEPARTING FOR FRANKFURT 1500 SAME DAY, OLYMPIC AIRLINE 171. IF POSSIBLE STAFFDEL REQUESTS ARRANGEMENTS FOR TOUR AIRPORT SECURITY PROVISIONS WITH MINIMUM NECESSARY ADVANCE WORD TO AIRPORT OFFICIALS. ALSO IF POSSIBLE WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE
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LUNCH THERE WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT SECURITY AND ANTI-TERRORISM MATTERS. SCHOCHET REQUESTS NOTIFY TOWNSEND FRIEDMAN ABOUT STOPOVER.

10. FOR FRANKFURT--STAFFDEL KRAFT AND SCHOCHET ARRIVE FRANKFURT DECEMBER 6 FROM ATHENS, OLYMPIC AIRWAYS 171. WOULD APPRECIATE ONWARD RAIL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FRANKFURT-BONN ONLY SINCE AIR CONNECTION TO COLOGNE WOULD APPARENTLY CAUSE SEVERAL HOURS LAYOVER.

11. FOR BONN--STAFFDEL KRAFT AND SCHOCHET REQUEST BRIEFINGS WITH U.S. EMBASSY POLITICAL AND INTELLIGENCE EXPERTS ON ANTI-TERRORIST EFFORTS, HEAD OF GERMAN ANTI-TERRORIST EFFORTS AND INTELLIGENCE SPECIALISTS INCLUDING JUSTICE MINISTRY OFFICIALS. ALSO REQUEST MEETINGS WITH LUFTHANSA AND AIRPORT SECURITY OFFICIALS, PREFERABLY IN BONN RATHER THAN COLOGNE IF POSSIBLE. THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE BRIEFING ON GERMAN PARLIAMENTARY AND UNITED NATIONS PROPOSALS. IF TIME ALLOWS, STAFFDEL WOULD LIKE APPOINTMENT WITH BEST GERMAN EXPERTS ON GERMAN ATTITUDES TOWARD SALT TALKS, PARTICULARLY CRUISE MISSILE ISSUE. WOULD APPRECIATE TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE BONN-COLOGNE PLUS HOTEL BONN. LEAVE FOR PARIS DECEMBER 8 LUFTHANSA 128 FROM COLOGNE AT 1630.

12. FOR PARIS--STAFFDEL KRAFT AND SCHOCHET ARRIVE ORLEY AIRPORT THURSDAY DECEMBER 8 FROM COLOGNE, LUFTHANSA 128, AT 1735, DEPART FOR WASHINGTON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, TWA 891 AT 1245. REQUEST CONVENIENT HOTEL AND TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE.

STAFFDEL REQUESTS BRIEFINGS WITH U.S. EMBASSY EXPERTS ON POLITICAL, INTELLIGENCE ASPECTS OF TERRORISM INCLUDING THOSE DEALING WITH ALGERIAN SITUATION AND THEIR FRENCH COUNTERPARTS.

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ALSO WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH FRENCH LEGAL AND SECURITY OFFICIALS--INCLUDING AIRPORT AND AIRLINE SECURITY EXPERTS OR WHOEVER ELSE EMBASSY BELIEVES WOULD BE USEFUL. ADDITIONALLY, IF EMBASSY BELIEVES USEFUL, STAFFDEL WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH ALGERIAN EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES TO OBTAIN INSIGHT INTO ALGERIAN ATTITUDES. SATURDAY OK FOR APPOINTMENTS AS

NEEDED.

13. FOR ALL ADDRESSEES--AUTHORIZATION TO FOLLOW SEPTTEL.
FOREGOING REQUESTS FOR MEETINGS OR ACTIVITIES INVOLVING
HOST COUNTRY NATIONALS OR OFFICIALS ARE SUBJECT TO
EMBASSY CONCURRENCE. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF
EMBASSIES ANTICIPATE PROBLEMS ARISING FROM ABOVE
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